

STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-76 are pending;
Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10, 12 and 14-24 are unchanged;
Claims 4, 7, 9, 11 and 13 are amended herein; and
Claims 25-76 are newly added.

REMARKS

Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7, 9, 11 and 13 have been amended to correct clerical errors. Applicant submits such amendments do not affect the scope of these claims. Newly added independent method claims 25, 37, 73 and 74 are broader in scope than those of method claims 1-12 of U.S. patent 6,122,015. Newly added independent apparatus claims 49, 61, 75 and 76 are broader in scope than those of claims 13-24 of U.S. patent 6,122,015.

Independent claim 25 is directed to a method of processing a digital television stream while independent claim 49 is directed to an apparatus for processing a digital television signal.

Independent claim 37 is directed to a method of transmitting a digital television stream through a channel while independent claim 61 is directed to an apparatus for transmitting a digital television signal through a channel.

Independent claim 73 is directed to a method of processing a digital stream including packetized video data through a channel while independent claim 75 is directed to an apparatus for processing a digital signal including a digital video stream through a channel.

Independent method claim 74 is directed to a method of forming a digital stream to be communicated through a channel while independent claim 76 is directed to an apparatus for forming a digital signal to be communicated through a channel.

Support for independent claims 25, 49, 73 and 75 is found throughout the specification and the drawings, including, for example, column 3 line 60 through column 7 line 45.

Support for independent claims 37, 61, 74 and 76 is also found throughout the specification and the drawings, including, for example, column 3 lines 5 through 57.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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